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(BY THE TIMES' SPECIAL WIRE.)

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THE WEATHER.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, Los Angeles, Nov. 17.—At 5 o'clock a.m. the barometer registered 30.13; at 5 p.m., 30.08. Thermometer for the corresponding hours showed 54 deg. and 70 deg. Relative humidity, 5 a.m., 20 per cent.; 5 p.m., 35 per cent. Wind, 5 a.m., northeast, velocity 1 mile; 5 p.m., northwest, velocity 4 miles. Maximum temperature, 87 deg.; minimum temperature, 54 deg. Character of weather, clear.
Barometer reduced to sea level.

The Times

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

The Chamber of Commerce has concluded that there is no extraordinary demand for a relief expedition from Los Angeles to Dawson, and therefore declines to ask the United States to place a vessel at the disposal of the "Klondike Gold Mining and Transportation Company" or to solicit public subscriptions for the purchase of an outfit and supplies for that philanthropic concern. The K. G. M. & T. Co. probably will have to walk to Dawson.

An incident of the Bird forgery case now on trial is the suggestion that the different banks of the city have joined hands to prove that the signatures alleged to be forgeries are genuine. There is no apparent foundation for such a supposition. The reason given for this alleged combination of the banks is that they do not desire the public to suppose that such forgeries could pass undetected. It is unreasonable to suppose that the banks not concerned in the transaction would enter upon a policy so shortsighted and which must in the end work injury to themselves.

The Tax Collector's office affords a pretty good index of the degree of prosperity enjoyed by the people at large. In seasons of depression and uncertainty, the payment of taxes is commonly deferred as long as possible, but when business revives and conditions improve, the taxpayer discharges his obligation much more promptly. The receipts at the City Tax Collector's office during October showed a very marked increase as compared with the same months of last year. It is a reflection of the steadily improving condition of the people is steadily improving. It is especially significant as bearing upon all classes, the poor as well as the rich.

Los Angeles business men who are reluctant to contribute to the fiesta fund because they think the festival is of small benefit to them should read and consider what John F. Francis says of the fame of Southern California abroad. Mr. Francis found that the fiesta has drawn the attention of intelligent Europeans to this land and that they are deeply interested in the annual festival. Whatever directs the attention of the world to Southern California is profitable advertising, and the benefits are shared by all who live and do business here. The merchant who looks for immediate returns in cold cash and grumbles because he cannot see them must be near-sighted.

COUNTESS KILLS HERSELF.

Complained to the Police That She Had Been Robbed.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
EDINBURGH, Nov. 17.—(By Atlantic Cable.) There was a tragic occurrence in a police station here last evening. A woman apparently 20 years of age and fashionably dressed, but in the deepest mourning, said she was the Countess Teresa Ufied, a Russian, adding that she had come to Scotland a fortnight ago via Copenhagen, and that she was in mourning for her dead lover. She complained to the police officer on duty that she had been robbed of her purse containing a large sum of money. The Countess was apparently in great distress, and as the officer turned round to enter her complaint in the station blotter, she shot herself through the temple with a revolver. Only a few shillings were found on her person. At the examination of her rooms, all her correspondence had been torn up in such small pieces as to render it almost utterly impossible to reconstruct it. She had given her address as the Cloister of St. Mary's, Moscow. Two photographs were found among her effects. One was that of the young officer in the Russian army and was signed "Alexander Romanoff," and is supposed to be that of the fiancé. The other photograph was that of a Spanish officer who had visited the Countess since her arrival in Edinburgh. The hotel people say the deceased Countess was well educated, and had evidently been accustomed to move in the best society.

A FRIENDLY SUIT.

President Sonnsath on the Arizona Improvement Company Litigation.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]
CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Regarding the suit against the Arizona Improvement Company, O. R. Sonnsath, president of the merchants' Loan and Trust Company, says:

"Our bank is simply trustee for the bondholders, who are chiefly residents of Scotland. The Arizona company is an irrigation enterprise, and has been in business for many years. Lately it defaulted on interest payments on the bonds, a failure due no doubt to unsatisfactory business, and hence the action of the bank as trustee. It is a friendly suit, and probably the company will be able to come out of it all right."

Oil Wells Shut Down Today.

The Oil Producers' Trustees have ordered another shutdown, to go into effect this morning. This action is said to have been taken at the urgent request of owners of new wells who are short on tankage facilities. It is expected that this will be the last of the shutdowns, as the company's large iron tank will be ready to receive oil within a few weeks.

Death of Rev. E. F. Berner.
Rev. Emanuel F. Berner, presiding elder of the Evangelical Association of California, died at his residence, No. 942 Wall street, yesterday. He was pastor of one of the city churches for about six years, from which position he was elected presiding elder.

Jumped the Track.
An electric car on the Pasadena line jumped the track east of Downey avenue about 4:30 p.m. yesterday. Traffic was delayed for over an hour.

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Society.

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Silverwood
124 SOUTH SPRING STREET.

Look Two Years Ahead.

Public Notices.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 18, 97.
Bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors until December 1, for the right to pasture in the abandoned streets of Main, Spring and Broadway. A fine crop of bur clover is now growing in these streets and the prospects for early rain are good. Certified check for ten per cent. of the amount must accompany each bid. For further particulars apply to

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MORE EVIDENCES OF CARELESSNESS IN ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.

The Consequent Loss to the City Must Be Considerable—Fire Commissioners Meet.

THE BIRD CASE SENSATIONAL.

BOTH SIDES EXPOSE THEIR TRUMP CARDS.

Attempt to Prove That Griffith Does not Recognize His Own Signature—Charges Against Officers of the First National Bank.

Complaints continue to come in to the City Clerk's office from taxpayers who find that their property has been erroneously assessed. The blunders made by the City Assessor's department are largely due to the fact that many of his deputies have been political appointees, unfitted for the work to which they were assigned.

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[AT THE CITY HALL.]

ERRORS IN ASSESSMENT.

EVIDENCES OF CARELESS WORK CONTINUE TO MULTIPLY.

Consequences of Installing Inexperienced Men as Deputies in the City Assessor's Department. Meeting of the Fire Commissioners—Tax Collections.

Evidences continue to multiply of the carelessness with which the City Assessor's department has been administered. The blunders which have come to light bespeak the utter incompetency of some of the deputies employed in the work of preparing the filed books and making up the assessment roll.

This is largely due to the fact that nearly all of the deputies in the Assessor's office who have served during the present administration were political appointees without any special qualifications for the work to which they were assigned. Candidates nominated by Democrats and Populists, and when he entered office he was under political obligations to workers of both parties. He was strongly advised to retain some of the experienced deputies who had served under his predecessor, but this advice he disregarded, with one exception. A few efficient men were appointed, but the majority of the deputies whom Seaman installed were without training or experience to fit them for their duties. As a matter of fact some of them were better fitted to handle a pick and shovel than a pen. Hutchison had the disposal of some of the patronage in this department, and half a dozen Populists were placed upon its pay roll. Most of the other appointees were Democrats. Ill-health has compelled Seaman to be frequently absent from his office, so that his supervision has been often without his supervision.

When these deputies were turned loose to undertake the difficult task of listing and assessing the real property of the city, it is not strange that their work was woefully inefficient. The most common blunder thus far discovered was the setting of vacant property as improved. This, as a rule, has evoked a petition from the owner. Errors of this sort have been very numerous.

It is reasonable to assume that quite as often improved property has been assessed vacant, thus entailing upon the city the loss of all rent from the improvements. In cases of this sort the property-owner seldom seeks to have the blunder rectified, for to do so would increase the amount of his tax. How far the city's revenue has been impaired by errors of this kind can never be definitely known.

A fair illustration of the blunders made by some of the Assessor's deputies is afforded by a case recently brought to light. On the Assessor's books the assessed value of a certain lot was entered as \$185, and the assessed value of the improvements as \$400. On the usual basis of calculation, these figures would represent about half the actual value. As a matter of fact, the improvements consisted only of a small four-room cottage in course of construction, at a contract price of \$675. The lot was permit named the cost as \$700. The Assessor's field book contained a memorandum of the building permit and its amount, yet by some unfortunate course of reasoning, the deputy who transferred the entry to the assessment roll, concluded that the assessed value of the improvement should be entered as \$1400. The unlucky owner was accordingly taxed upon this basis.

Similar errors have been discovered in a large number of instances and still more will be found before the tax sales. It is quite as easy for a blundering deputy to make an undervaluation as an overvaluation, so it is a just conclusion that in scores of instances the taxpayer has been assessed upon a rating far below the real value of his property. The consequent loss to the city is apparent.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Only Routine Business Transacted. More Hydrants Needed.

The Fire Commissioners held a brief and uneventful session yesterday morning. No business of importance was transacted. The communication from the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association requesting that an increased number of fire hydrants be established on Main and Spring streets between Temple and Ninth streets, was read and referred to Chief Moore. The request embodies merely the suggestions that have been made repeatedly to the City Council by the Fire Commissioners. At present there is but one hydrant for each block in the district mentioned and all of them are on the west side of the streets. In the event of a serious con-

flagration in the center of the city, there is danger that the delay incident to carrying long lines of hose from remote connections might prove exceedingly disastrous.

The commissioners took up the consideration of the bid of W. H. Joyce for supplying the department with rolled barley and bran during the coming year. Joyce is the contractor who lodged complaint a few weeks ago against officials of the department, alleging that they were violating the contract which he now holds. His present bid was thought by the commissioners to be too high, and they therefore recommended to the Council that the contract should be readvertised.

Chief Moore recommended that J. F. Mosher be permitted to operate a gas engine at No. 150 West Fifth street, also that Nettleton and Kellerman be allowed to bore for oil on lot 38, Cottage Home tract. Both recommendations were approved.

Permission was given to the Chief to turn over 500 feet of old hose to the Street Superintendent. The Chief was also instructed to dispose of the old junk on hand.

The clerk was instructed to request the Sunset Telephone and Telegraph Company to turn in still alarms to the newspaper offices at the same time when alarms are turned in to the fire engine-houses.

Filed with the City Clerk.

Property-owners on Jefferson street between Orchard and Vermont avenues have filed a petition asking to have the width of the sidewalks established at eight feet.

M. E. Klass of No. 427 Turner street has filed a communication to the council, alleging that he has been assessed for improvements, although his property was vacant on March 1, when the assessment was made. This appeal to the Assessor's office.

Final inspection of Johnson street. Street Superintendent John Drain will make final inspection of Johnson street from Downey avenue to Alta street tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

[AT THE COURT HOUSE.]

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Mr. Griffith followed Teller Groves on the witness stand. Although on the stand from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m., he succeeded in telling but little of his story. To nearly every question put to him an objection was raised. The main points brought out were substantially as follows:

Bird entered Griffith's employ about three years ago in the capacity of private secretary. On August 19 last Detective Bradish called at the office to inquire about a counterfeit \$50 greenback which had been passed upon the First National Bank, and he said, had Bird paid over to Bird that morning on a check for \$200 presented by him to the account of Griffith. Bird had been sent to the Courthouse to attend to some of the several houses before and had not yet returned when Bradish called. While at the office, however, a telephone message was received from Bird, who apologized to Griffith for having remained away from the office for so long a time, explaining that he had been detained at the Courthouse. Bradish then called upon Griffith, asking him to come back as soon as possible, as Detective Bradish was at the office to see him concerning the counterfeit bill he had been paid to him. Nothing was said concerning the check.

"I never saw Bird from that day until he appeared at the preliminary examination," Mr. Griffith testified.

Several hours were spent in the introduction of numerous checks, the signatures of which were submitted to Mr. Griffith for identification. Six out of thirty-nine were pronounced to be forgeries, representing \$1200. The \$200 check in question was not among them. Mr. Griffith declared positively that he had issued no checks on that date, and had not signed a check since the 10th of that month. He had been accustomed to draw checks to meet his current expenses at the first of each month, but in August the drawing of his checks was extended further in the month than usual.

Griffith repeatedly referred to the alleged worthless checks as forgeries, and to this term Bird's attorneys repeatedly objected. Finally, the witness was prevailed upon to refer to them as "not genuine."

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Dr. J. H. Lowry was appointed health officer for the Whittier district. [AT THE U. S. BUILDING.]

TO DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP.

Bill Filed Yesterday in the U. S. Circuit Court.

Jacob Einstein has brought suit in the United States Circuit Court against F. D. Schnebly, to obtain a dissolution of partnership and sale of property in San Diego. Both plaintiff and defendant are assignees of a partnership which was entered into by two other men nine years ago.

In 1888 E. M. Frank and F. F. Adams entered into an agreement to improve an uncultivated ranch of which the two were joint owners. Many varieties of fruit trees were to be planted, house and barns built, and other necessary improvements were to be made. Frank was to supply all the capital and Adams to give his services. The returns from the regular annual crops were to be divided equally, the net proceeds from the new plantations were to go to Frank, until he should be entirely reimbursed for his outlay, after which the proceeds also were to be divided equally.

In 1892 Frank assigned his interest to the complainant, Einstein, who continued the partnership with Adams on the same basis until 1896, when Adams assigned his interest to the defendant, Schnebly. Einstein now asserts that the property was not administered to the best advantage by Adams, and that no adequate results have come from the investment by himself and Frank of \$24,230.60, and alleges that the only way in which this sum can be recovered is by the sale of the property, and accordingly prays for a dissolution of partnership; the appointment of a receiver; a decree of sale of all the land and the personal property, and the recovery of the sums expended.

Case Dismissed. On motion of the United States District Attorney, the case of the United States against the schooner Santa Barbara was dismissed from the District Court.

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 s, W. C. Weddington, A. McCormick;
 election precinct—At school-
 house.
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 street.
 s, R. A. Hoyt, John M. Jenner;
 s, Peter Niblock, W. E. Wilson; clerks,
 Brown, G. F. Rinalda; ballot clerks,
 J. E. Strader.
 election precinct—At Soledad school-
 house.
 s, Logan R. Rayburn, J. H. Jones;
 s, C. H. Odell, Joseph Gilbert; clerks,
 J. F. Rinalda, J. E. Strader.
 election precinct—At Bahia street.
 s, P. H. McPhetridge.
 hall election precinct—At schoolhouse:
 s, J. F. Powell, W. E. Pardee; clerks,
 J. E. Strader, J. R. Moore; ballot clerks, W.
 J. Rinalda, J. E. Strader.
 Pasadena election precinct—At City
 hall:
 s, J. J. Young, A. J. Moody;
 s, Chas. D. Clapp, Aaron T. McRey-
 nolds; clerks, H. J. Cone, C. H. Gardner;
 s, J. F. Rinalda, Albert Gilbert.
 order of the Board of Supervisors.
 W. G. BELL, Secretary.
 Chairman Board of Supervisors.
 T. E. NEWLIN
 City Clerk and ex-officio clerk of the
 Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles
 County, California.
 W. G. BELL, Deputy.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN
obedience to an order of the superior court of
the State of California, made on the 22d day of
October, 1897, in and to the effect that the
property of the estate of Janet Simpson, de-
ceased, be sold, the undersigned, clerk of said
court, will on the 27th day of November, 1897,
at 11 o'clock of the forenoon, sell at public
auction, to the highest bidder and subject to con-
firmation by said court, on or after the 27th
day of November, 1897, the following-described
real estate, to-wit:

diated to a map on sale in the recorder's
 office of Los Angeles, state of California,
 70, miscellaneous records of said county,
 lot is situated in the city of Los Angeles,
 county of Los Angeles, state of California,
 lots 10 and 11 of the "Walker tract," ac-
 cording to a map recorded in book 10, 70,
 miscellaneous records in the office of the
 county recorder of Los Angeles, state of
 California, are situated in the city of Los An-
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 fornia, the southwesterly thirty feet of lots 11 and
 12 and the southeasterly thirty feet of lot 10,
 of the Walker tract, as per map recorded in
 book 1, pages 556 and 566, miscel-
 laneous records of said county, the whole hav-
 ing been acquired by said county by purchase
 of said lots 10 and 11, situated in the city of Los
 Angeles, county of Los Angeles, state of Cali-
 fornia, and the same are hereby sold to the
 public in cash, gold coin of the United States,
 and the writing will be received at any
 time after the date of the sale, and before the
 sale, and may be addressed to the
 undersigned, and the city of Los Angeles,
 county of Los Angeles, state of California,
 dated, 4th November, 1897.
 RUSK HARRIS,

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EVENTS FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

PASADENA.

AMERICAN CLUB WILL PARADE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Fire Department Summoned to Smell Smoke—Vase in Custody—Pickpocket Club Tournament—Hospital Aid Association—Minor Matters.

PASADENA, Nov. 17.—[Regular Correspondence.] A largely attended meeting of the members of the American Club, Pasadena's military organization, was held in the parlors of the Hotel Pasadena, at the residence of Mrs. J. H. B. Smith, at 10 o'clock last evening. The object of the meeting was to elect officers for the coming year. The following officers were elected: President, J. H. B. Smith; Vice-President, J. H. B. Smith; Secretary, J. H. B. Smith; Treasurer, J. H. B. Smith; and a number of other officers. The meeting was very successful and the officers were elected with much enthusiasm.

Today was a fairly good "vase" day in the city. The fire department was summoned to a fire at the residence of Mrs. J. H. B. Smith, at 10 o'clock last evening. The fire was caused by a candle and the vase was destroyed. The fire department was very successful in extinguishing the fire and the vase was saved.

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ORANGE COUNTY.

PICKPOCKET CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF ROBBERY A SLEEPING MAN.

A Young Girl Abducted by Tough Boys—Serious Result of a Runaway—Boy Badly Injured—New Uniforms for Co. L.

SANTA ANA, Nov. 17.—[Regular Correspondence.] Sheriff Nichols made a clever catch this afternoon, "hot off the bat," as it were. Some of the Santa Fe trackmen, who have just come from the line between this city and Orange, were enjoying a sleaze at the old packing-house when they were observed by a crafty and enterprising individual who chanced to pass that way. This fellow promptly approached the sleeping workman, deftly inserted his hand into the trousers pocket of one of them, extracted all the coin therein, and went on his way rejoicing. Unfortunately for him, however, the process awakened the sleeper, who discovered his loss at once and started after the rapidly disappearing thief. The fellow was a better sprinter than pickpocket, and the workman was soon compelled to abandon the chase. He returned to the depot and telephoned Sheriff Nichols, who promptly started in pursuit. The thief was caught at the Santa Fe track south of town. When the man was brought back, he confessed the money between two ties on the railroad and endeavored to cover it up with his foot. The Sheriff was very successful in catching the thief and the money was recovered.

A YOUNG GIRL'S ESCAPE. For several months past complaint has been made by residents of Orange of a young girl who was seen running about a lively stable in the town. Several serious offenses and a large number of petty misdemeanors have been charged to her. The latest case brought to the attention of the sheriff was the abduction of Edith Gilchrist, a young girl residing in the city. The girl was seen running about the stable and was caught by the sheriff. She was brought back to the city and is now in custody.

A BOY BADLY INJURED. Percy, the fifteen-year-old son of H. G. Rosenbaum of Capistrano, was brought to the Brunsford Hotel last Tuesday suffering from the effects of a bad accident. The boy was hauling a load of grain from his father's place to the Kohlmeier ranch, and was moving fast enough to suit the boy, and having no whip long enough to reach them, he jumped from the wagon and fell under a wheel. The loaded wagon passing over him and he was badly injured. The physician who attended him says that it is impossible to determine the extent of his injuries.

Word has been received here that Congressman C. H. Castle, now in the city, will remain here today, Saturday, and will confer with the Chamber of Commerce directors. The congressman is expected to be brought up at the next session of the Legislature, in which this locality is especially interested.

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Matter of Assessment of a Local Paper—A Chicken Thief.

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